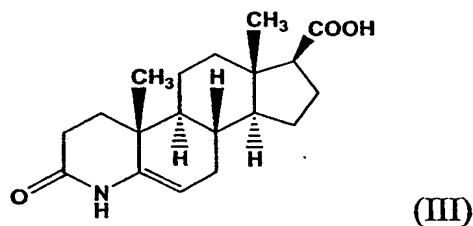
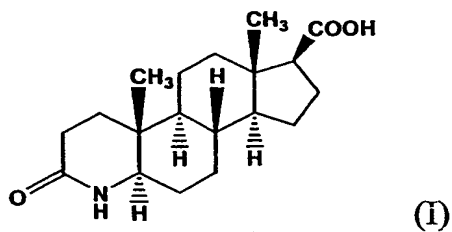


WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method for preparing the compound of formula (I) comprising heating the compound of formula (III) in a mixture of formic acid and an alkanediol in the presence of zinc:



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2. The method of claim 1, wherein formic acid is used in an amount of 3 to 30ml based on 1.0g of the compound of formula (III).

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3. The method of claim 1, wherein the alkanediol is selected from the group consisting of ethylene glycol, propylene glycol, 1,3-propanediol, 1,2-butanediol, 1,3-butanediol, 1,4-butanediol and 2,3-butanediol.

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4. The method of claim 1, wherein the alkanediol is used in an amount of 2 to 20ml based on 1.0g of the compound of formula (III).

5. The method of claim 1, wherein zinc is used in 4 to 10 equivalents based on a mole of the compound of formula (III).

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6. The method of claim 1, wherein the heating is carried out for 4 to 8 hours at a temperature in the range of 80 to 130 °C.